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SUBJ: GENEVA CONFERENCE ON LAWS OF WAR -- WARS OF NATIONAL
LIBERATION

REF: GENEVA 1921

1. DURING MORNING MARCH 29 CONFERENCE TOOK UP REPORT OF
MAIN COMMITTEE I IN WHICH KEY ISSUE WAS ARTICLE ADOPTED
BY COMMITTEE MAKING GENEVA CONVENTIONS APPLICABLE TO WARS
OF NATIONAL LIBERATION (SEE REFTEL). AS RESULT OF
INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS DURING LAST TWO DAYS, CONFERENCE
ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION, SUB-
MITTED BY INDIA:

"THE CONFERENCE,

ADOPTING THE REPORT OF COMMITTEE I, CONTAINING ITS RECOM-
MENDATION IN PARA 37,

WELCOMES THE ADOPTION OF ARTICLE 1 OF DRAFT PROTOCOL I BY
COMMITTEE I."

2. PARA 37 OF REPORT HAD RECOMMENDATION THAT CONFERENCE
ADOPT ARTICLE 1 (TRANSMITTED PARA 1 OF REFTEL), BUT AS
PART OF COMPROMISE BY WHICH ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED,
CONFERENCE DID NOT RPT NOT ADOPT THIS ARTICLE IN PLENARY.

3. USDEL WISHES TO THANK DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS EMBASSIES
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FOR PROMPT ACTION IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. THIS
EFFORT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO AVOID VOTE ON ARTICLE 1
BECAUSE AT ELEVENTH HOUR PROPONENTS OF ADOPTION BECAME
INCREASINGLY LESS SURE THAT THEY HAD REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS
MAJORITY.

4. DECISION TO POSTPONE ACTION ON ARTICLE 1 UNTIL NEXT
SESSION OF CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 1975), GIVES US TIME TO

DEVISE ALTERNATIVES AND, HOPEFULLY, TO SELL THEM TO
INFLUENTIAL LDCS. DEPARTMENT WILL DOUBTLESS COMMUNICATE
FURTHER ON THIS WITH INFO POSTS WHEN WE HAVE PROPOSALS
TO PUT TO GOVERNMENTS. DALE

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